



April 9, 2026

The Honorable Alex Lee
Assembly Human Services Committee
1020 N Street, Room 122
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1880 (Caloza) PINK Alert - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Lee and Honorable Members of the Assembly Human Services Committee,

The California Catholic Conference **supports AB 1880 (Caloza)** as amended on 3/23/26. This bill would establish the PINK Alert. A pregnant woman in need of prenatal care or housing (or the general public) would be able to text a number for support, and emergency services would be encouraged to take her to the hospital or nearest shelter. At the same time, registered professionals on the alert system would be notified of the mother's needs.

California has 102,000 homeless women. Data from other states shows up to 48% of homeless women experience pregnancy and 5,000 pregnant women live on the streets of LA County alone. Homeless pregnant women experience increased incidence of toxic stress, intimate partner violence, community violence, lack of nutrition, healthcare, and family or partner support. This leads to painful outcomes of miscarriage, preterm birth, low birthweight or developmental delay in their infants.

Tragically, throughout California shelters, priority housing is not given to homeless pregnant women until they are at least 7 months pregnant. Mothers again experience intergenerational trauma when their newborns are placed in foster care due to the mother's homelessness. Following the lead of the City of San Francisco and SB 1083 for CalWORKS, mothers need housing prioritization early in pregnancy. Mothers need somewhere to go during this vulnerable time in their lives, and the public needs to know where to refer moms.

The Catholic Church advocates for a "preferential option for the poor," meaning that "the poor, the marginalized and in all cases those whose living conditions interfere with their proper growth should be the focus of particular concern." As the state strives to address the homelessness crisis, we deeply appreciate the author driving a workable solution for this vulnerable population.

The California Catholic community is 12 million strong, and we are the largest private nonprofit provider of healthcare, education, and social services for the common good in our state. The Conference advocates for the dignity of every human person and policies that help cultivate strong, healthy families.

For these reasons, as the official public policy voice for the Catholic Church of California, we request that you vote **"AYE"** on **AB 1880**. Should you have any questions regarding our position please contact Molly Sheahan, Associate Director for Healthy Families at 916.313.4019 or msheahan@cacatholic.org.

Sincerely yours,

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